

Commercial Building
811 Market Space (Pennsylvania
Avenue), N.W.
Washington
District of Columbia

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Written Historical and Descriptive Data

Historic American Buildings Survey
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

1. STATE District of Columbia
COUNTY
TOWN Washington VICINITY
STREET NO. 811 Market Space, N.W.

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Vacant
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick, wall bearing
NO. OF STORIES Three

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME Commercial Building
DATE OR PERIOD Circa 1890
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

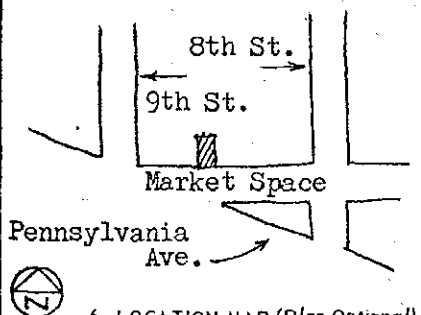
OPEN TO PUBLIC No

Built of red pressed brick with dark mortar joints, this three-story building has a frontage of 25 feet facing south to Pennsylvania Avenue. It is simply composed and well proportioned. Above a completely remodeled first story are two others of similar design, marked by brownstone belt courses at floor levels. Each is divided into three bays of recessed panels which contain a semicircular-arched window.

At the top there is a slightly projecting frieze of brick patterning and terracotta inserts. The center is accented by a round-headed brick panel which projects above the rest of the wall. A sheet-metal cyma recta serves as the cornice. The roof is flat.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Probably Interior Fair

Exterior Good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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August 6, 1969

DATE OF RECORD

APPENDIX
FOLLOWS

Addendum to
811 Market Space, NW (Commercial Building)
Square 408, Lot 803
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 811 Market Space, NW (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. DC-232
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 811 Market Space, N.W., Square 408, Lot 803		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE). Pre 1884 - (Permit for alterations to show windows, Permit 229, 8/5/1884).	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The facade of this commercial building is embellished by the small-scale intricacies of the Queen Anne style. In conjunction with its neighbors, the building provides a strong traditional character to Market Square. In addition, the cluster has a strong visibility on the urban axis of Pennsylvania Avenue.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late Nineteenth Century Commercial with Queen Anne details.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood framing on brick bearing party walls, red face brick on Market Space facade.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular - approximately 25'x85'x40'; Basement and three stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Round arched window openings within brick archivolt on second and third floors; stone belt courses between first and second and second and third floors; corbelled cornice with course of inscribed terra-cotta tiles; round pediment with moulded hoods, white metal numerals "811" on brick tympanum; four brackets with only one carrying original Eastlake design.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Completely altered to accommodate retail spaces; staircase along east party wall; gray painted wooden wainscot of beaded boards run the course of the stairs; second and third floors inaccessible.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Storefront - Permit #A62476, 1/19/1955.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE VERY GOOD - Souvenir retail shop.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building lies within the boundaries of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. It is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation's Historic Preservation Plan, 1977.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Washingtoniana Collection, Martin Luther King Memorial Library - plat map information, Records, National Archives - building permit information.		
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